IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA SPARTANBURG DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	CR. No. 7:24 cr 988
vs.)	18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B) 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(b)(2)
RYAN CHRISTOPHER ROBERGE)	18 U.S.C. § 2253 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)
	j	<u>INDICTMENT</u>
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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

On or about May 11, 2024, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, RYAN CHRISTOPHER ROBERGE, did attempt to employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2)) for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported in interstate commerce; which visual depiction was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate commerce; and which visual depiction was transported in interstate commerce.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT 2

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about July 16, 2024, in the District of South Carolina and elsewhere, the Defendant, RYAN CHRISTOPHER ROBERGE, did knowingly possess material that contained images of child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), and which had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and which were produced using materials that had been mailed and shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in that he did possess a iPhone 12 Pro Max cellular telephone on which were stored visual depictions of persons under the age of eighteen engaging in sexually explicit conduct, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2).

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

FORFEITURE

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN:

Upon conviction for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251 and 2252A as charged in this Indictment, the Defendant, RYAN CHRISTOPHER ROBERGE, shall forfeit to the United States his interest in:

- any visual depiction described in section 2251, 2251A, 2252 or (i) 2252A of chapter 110 of the United States Code, or any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other matter which contains any such visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped, or received in violation of chapter 110 of the United States Code:
- any property, real or personal, constituting, or traceable to gross (ii) profits or other proceeds obtained from such offenses; and,
- (iii) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such offenses.

PROPERTY:

The property subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253 and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Proceeds/Forfeiture Judgment: A.

A sum of money equal to all proceeds the Defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from the offenses charged in this Indictment, and all interest and proceeds traceable thereto, and/or such sum that equals all property derived from or traceable to his violation of Title 18.

Electronic Equipment: В.

- Blue iPhone 12 Pro Max (1) Serial Number: G0NFVXH90D42
- (2) HMD Cellular Device IMEI Number: 353407230510067

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SUBSTITUTE ASSETS:

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the

Defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1) to seek forfeiture of any other property of Defendant up to an amount equivalent to the value of the above-described forfeitable property;

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253 and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

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